

HOCKEY STARS COME HIGH.

War Among Leading Clubs in
Canada Boosts Salaries.

LARGE OFFER FOR WALSH.

Great Forward Promised \$2,500 For
Ten Weeks' Play by Renfrew Club
and \$200 Bonus to Play Entire Season—Taylor of Ottawa Another.

There is reason to believe that the fabulous prices paid the star professional ice hockey players in Canada last winter, which made many old timers gasp, will be surpassed before the present season is passed into the well filled annals of the sport across the border. Had it not been for the hockey war between the Canadian Hockey association and the National Hockey association the figures established last year might have stood unassailed, but under present conditions and judging from the reports about the large sums of money already there is every reason to believe that the professional hockey players of the Dominion will reap a harvest.

The hockey player's life—that is, his period of usefulness in the fast and strenuous professional game—is comparatively short, and he must grab all the money he can while he is a star. Like baseball, many of these men enter the sport to gather enough funds to start them in business, and many of them have "made good."

The prices paid these players appear on the surface to be enormous, and as a matter of fact they are, but when the great risk of personal and serious injury taken by the puck chasers is considered they are worth all they can get.

This is in no way advocating the jumping of contracts, so much in vogue at the present time. Although there is no governing body, a player certainly should honor any contract which he is under unless it be unfair.

Until the war has been settled and one or other of the organizations has taken the final count there does not appear to be a chance of any commission with the same powers as the national commission of baseball being formed. But just as soon as this strife is over the agitation among hockey promoters is so strong that a commissioner will be appointed and rules and regulations drafted which will make the professional hockey players honor their contracts and will restrict club owners from stealing players. There will be a drafting season and one for the purchasing of players. Under these improved conditions hockey is bound to become the leading winter pastime not only of Canada, but of this country as well.

Marty Walsh, who is conceded to be one of the best forwards in the Dominion, has received an offer of \$2,500 for ten weeks' play, a bonus of \$200 if he plays the complete season and the guarantee of a position at \$1,200 per annum, good the year round, from the Renfrew Hockey club. Renfrew is backed by millionaires who are doing their best to get together a team which will wrest the Stanley cup from the Ottawas, and they are going the limit at offering big money to the hockey players to get them to sign up with that team.

Fred Taylor, the great cover point of the Ottawa seven, has received an offer very similar, but has turned it down. He was to get \$2,000 for ten weeks' play and a position at a salary of \$1,200 a year.

The average salary paid the professional hockey player in the Dominion for about nine weeks' play is probably \$1,000, but there are several luminaries at puck chasing who are compensated for their services in much larger checks. Some draw as high as \$2,000 for the season.

It is generally conceded that the average baseball player receives a stipend of about \$3,000 a season for nearly seven months' daily work. Hockey is too strenuous a game to request a man to play it every night, and when all this time is taken into consideration it will be found that the salaries paid hockey players touch a higher mark than those given the ball tossers.

English Polo Team Coming.

England is going to send over her crack polo team just to win back the polo championship. The international polo contest will take place at Saratoga, N. Y., during the racing season there. The famous Hurlingham polo team of England have accepted an invitation from Harry Payne Whitney to come over and play for the cup which Mr. Whitney and his American polo team won from them in England last summer.

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THE UMP WILL BE BOSS.

Lynch, New Baseball Head, Will Support Umpires.

The umpire is going to be the big thing in baseball next season. Tom Lynch, the newly elected president of the National league, was an umpire himself, and naturally his sympathies are with the man who holds the indicator, the man on whom for years both players and the fans have heaped their wrath and ridicule.

Although Mr. Lynch isn't ready to discuss the subject of umpires in detail, he doesn't hesitate to say that conditions today on the ball field are much different from those of the old days. The umpire's job is easier now, and the players aren't so hard to handle. "No umpire," says Mr. Lynch, "makes a wrong decision purposely. He decides plays honestly, as he sees them, and that is as much as anybody can expect."

Lynch is a believer in the old single umpire system, for the reason that it

to uphold my dignity and that of the game. I trust you will let my future conduct atone for my regrettable action.

Another incident of his career as an umpire in Chicago back in 1886 is recalled.

A. G. Spalding, the famous maker of sporting goods, sat in a box at the game and naturally was rooting for Chicago. Mrs. Lynch sat in the same box as Mr. Spalding's guest. The game was close and exciting, and at one stage Lynch made a decision which beat Chicago. Mr. Spalding was very much disappointed at the defeat of the team, and when Lynch met him in that box later Mr. Spalding remarked that the decision was very unfortunate and let it go at that.

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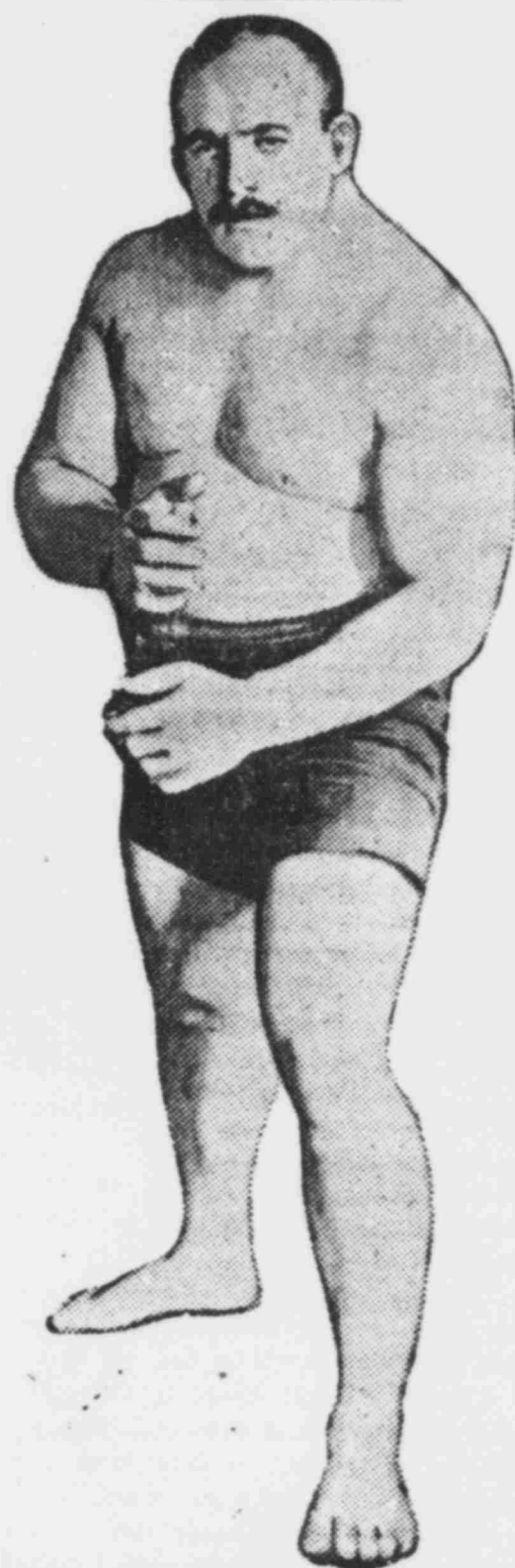
doesn't divide authority on the ball field, but he says there's no chance of going back to it.

"The double system must stay now," he says. "The public wouldn't stand for a change back to the old days."

Lynch is built close to the ground—short, stocky and strong. Sharp eyed, hair of iron gray, a face that shows a ruddy tan of a man that has been years out in the open under rays of many a summer's sun and a voice that suggests strength and finality of purpose, he impresses one as a man who is boss of the works, no matter what the nature of the works.

A great deal has been written of the dignity of Lynch when he was an umpire and of the respect he demanded from the players. This was no false show on Lynch's part. As old timers will tell you, he was a man and demanded to be treated as a man. An example of Lynch's manhood is shown by the speech he made to the grand stand the day he dropped Jack Doyle cold with a punch on the jaw when the old New York first baseman rushed at him fiercely in protesting a decision. Just before the next day's game started Lynch, turning to the grand stand, took off his hat and addressed the fans in this strain:

Ladies and Gentlemen—I sincerely ask your pardon for my breach of propriety yesterday. While I am only human, I realize that as an umpire it is my duty



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To Make Cycling Less Dangerous.

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Sheridan to Rest in Winter.

Martin Sheridan, the great all around athlete of New York, intends following his usual plan and, though competing now and then, will not do any hard training in the winter months. He says he finds he can perform a great deal better in the outdoor season by taking it easy during the indoor season.

Against Numbering Football Players.

The plan of numbering football players, it is declared, never will go on teams that have anything like a complicated attack. It would take coaches on the side lines about two plays to know what was going on.

FUTURE SPORT EVENTS

Providence, R. I., will entertain the Atlantic catboat conference on Jan. 15. San Francisco will hold the western bowling congress the week of March 26.

Papke, "the Illinois Thunderbolt," has signed articles for a twenty round bout with the winner of the Willie Lewis-Harry Lewis bout to take place in Paris in the latter part of February. Papke will go abroad about the middle of January.

Montreal yachtsmen are making arrangements with a view to a contest for the Seawanhaka cup in 1910. In 1905 the Manchester Yacht club won the cup from the Royal St. Lawrence club after the latter had held it for eight years. No race has occurred since that time.

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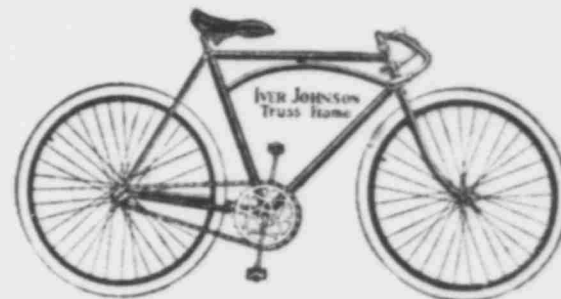
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